


REMARKS

Before entry of the present amendment, claims 1-15 were pending. Upon entry of this amendment, each of these claims will be canceled in favor of new claims 16-22. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants note that claims 16-18 were presented on February 13, 2003 (Paper No. 19), as claims 19-21 in the parent application, wherein the Examiner of that case noted those claims were "drawn to an invention that is patentably distinct from the invention of [the then-pending claims]." Support for these claims can be found, for instance, in examples 1.5 and 2.3, at pages 22 and 25, respectfully of the Specification; and at page 10, lines 12-13.

The amendments to the Specification are formalistic in nature and are made to bring the application into compliance with standard PTO practice. Applicants await a speedy Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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